Newsletter

December 2024

CAPITOL HILL SCHOOL



Principal's Message

Dear Capitol Hill Families,

As December begins, I want to take a moment to thank you for the warm welcome I've received as your new acting principal. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and families that make Capitol Hill such a wonderful community. Your kindness and support mean a lot to me.

This month is packed with exciting events! We're looking forward to our themed School Spirit Days, the Primary Concert, and the PAC Pancake Breakfast. These are great opportunities for us to come together, celebrate the season, and enjoy the special atmosphere this time of year brings. And with the chance of snow, the excitement on the playground is sure to add to the fun!

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. I feel fortunate to be part of this amazing community and look forward to celebrating these moments with you.

Warm regards, Grady Hunter **Acting Principal** Capitol Hill Elementary

BE NUT-AWARE!



Capitol Hill is a "Nut-Aware" school. There are several students with life threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.

Thank you for keeping Capitol Hill a safe place for everyone!

STAY INFORMED!

View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, and all school updates on our school's website at: https://capitolhill.burnabyschools.ca/

School News



Our Capitol Hill leadership students are organizing a food drive to support Burnaby families in need. It will run from Nov. 18th to Dec. 11th. Please are asking for donations of nonperishable food items (please check expiry date please): Canned vegetables and fruits, canned meats and fish, soups, boxed meals, baby food and formula.

Leadership students will collect donations daily from classrooms. Thank you to all our Capitol Hill community for your support.

The Rocks and Rings program will run from December $2^{nd} - 13^{th}$. During our regular P.E. time, students will take part in a variety of drills, relays, and teambuilding activities that introduce students to the sport of curling with a focus on FUN!





THE GREAT BIG HOLIDAY BAKE OFF PRIMARY CONCERT Divisions 9 – 16



We are very excited for the upcoming **PRIMARY** concert which will take place in the gym on Wednesday, December 18th at 1pm. Please indicate how many tickets you require for the performance on School Cash online. Donations to our Music Program can be made online there as well.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT DAY

Join the fun and festive activities and show off your ugly holiday sweater on **Thursday**, **December 19**th. Points will be earned for your house color.



MARKET

Division 7 and 11 are excited to announce the upcoming 5th Annual Winter Market on Thursday, December 19th. We are reaching out for your support! We are currently seeking donations for the market and would greatly appreciate any items you can contribute.

We are looking for a wide range of items, including:

- Games & puzzles
- Toys
- Art supplies
- Kitchen items
- Costume jewelry
- Small household goods
- Wrapping paper & gift bags

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please send them with your child to school. Donations can be dropped off in Ms. Botic/Zappavigna classroom or Ms. Karvelis' classroom before **December 18**th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in helping make this year's Winter Market a great success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



Report cards will be going home with students on the last day of school (Friday, December 20th).

Please review your child's accomplishments with them. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

The Capitol Hill PAC is hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast on Friday, December 20th in the gym. All students will be provided with pancakes and a visit from Santa.



Student are encouraged to wear their PJ's and to reduce waste, we are asking all students to bring their own plate, fork, knife, and napkin in a ziploc bag that day. This event is for Capitol Hill students only.

There will be gluten free pancake options available for students will dietary restrictions.

Thank you to our PAC for hosting and organizing this wonderful event!

School News

Reporting An Illness:

Punctual and regular attendance at school is very important. If students are unable to attend school, please have a parent/guardian email the school at: capitolhill.info@burnabyschools.ca or call the school absence line at: (604) 296-9006, Press #2.

If your child is sick . . . For the protection of your child and other children, please keep your child at home if he/she has:

- a cough
- a fever
- difficulty breathing
- sneezing
- sore throat
- abdominal pain
- congestion
- chills
- diarrhea and/or vomiting
- is too sick to participate in school activities
- inform the school if your child has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e., Chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, or any other undiagnosed rash).

Please keep your child home until they are no longer infectious. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca



The Salvation Army Christmas Hope Concert was a fantastic way to kick off the holiday season. Our students shined on stage, performing festive songs that filled the room with joy and brought smiles to everyone's faces. Their hard work and enthusiasm truly set the tone for the season ahead. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Lui for her incredible dedication and support of our young performers—your efforts make all the difference. Thank you to everyone who joined us to share in this wonderful start to the holidays!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was incredibly successful last week. We've surpassed our sales goals! A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support which will directly provide new book purchases for our school library. We'll see you at the Book Fair again next year.



Please join us for our next PAC meeting this month on **Tuesday**, **December 10th at 6:30pm in the school library**.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!